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BIOCOMPATIBLE, BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on May 4, 2005 for the above-identified application. The shortened statutory deadline for response to the Office Action was August 4, 2005. Applicant requests a three-month extension of time from August 4, 2005 to and including November 4, 2005. Thus, the filing of this response on November 4, 2005 is timely. Responsive to that Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Conclusions begin on page 12 of this paper.

This Amendment is believed to be in compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Federal Register on June 30, 2003 (68 FR 38611), and therefore to be exempt from the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d).